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FOR RICHARDSON FROM CHRISTOPHER

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SUBJECT: MARITIME POLLUTION PROVISIONS OF LOS TREATY

I TELEPHONED PETER JAY THIS MORNING AND TOLD HIM THAT CY AND I STRONGLY ENDORSED THE TALKING POINTS DAVID NEWSOM HAD USED WITH HIM EARLIER. I ALSO WENT OVER AGAIN THE KEY TALKING POINTS WITH JAY. HE SAID HE HAD, OF COURSE, REPORTED THE EARLIER CONVERSATION WITH DAVE BUT THAT HE NOW AGAIN WOULD REGISTER THE SECRETARY'S AND MY STRONG SUPPORT OF THIS POSITION. I STRESSED TO PETER THE HIGH STAKES INVOLVED IN GETTING A RATIFIABLE TREATY, THE NEED FOR OUR DELEGATIONS TO WORK TOGETHER ON THIS, AND THE FACT THAT WE HAD MUCH TO GAIN FROM A SUCCESSFUL EFFORT AND MUCH TO LOSE FROM AN OTHER THAN SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME.

WHEN JAY ADVANCED THE STANDARD POSITIONS ABOUT BRITAIN BEING A MARITIME NATION AND NOT WANTING TO BE SUBJECT TO VARIOUS MARITIME POLLUTION REGIMES, I TOLD HIM WE ALL WANTED THIS BUT THAT WE MUST HAVE A RATIFIABLE TREATY AND
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SOME CHANGES IN THE TREATY WERE NEEDED TO BRING THIS ABOUT. WE AGREED THAT THESE ISSUES WERE TOO NUANCED FOR US TO GET INTO SPECIFIC LANGUAGE, BUT I URGED HIM TO ASK THE BRITISH DELEGATION TO WORK MORE CLOSELY WITH YOU THERE IN GENEVA. CHRISTOPHER

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